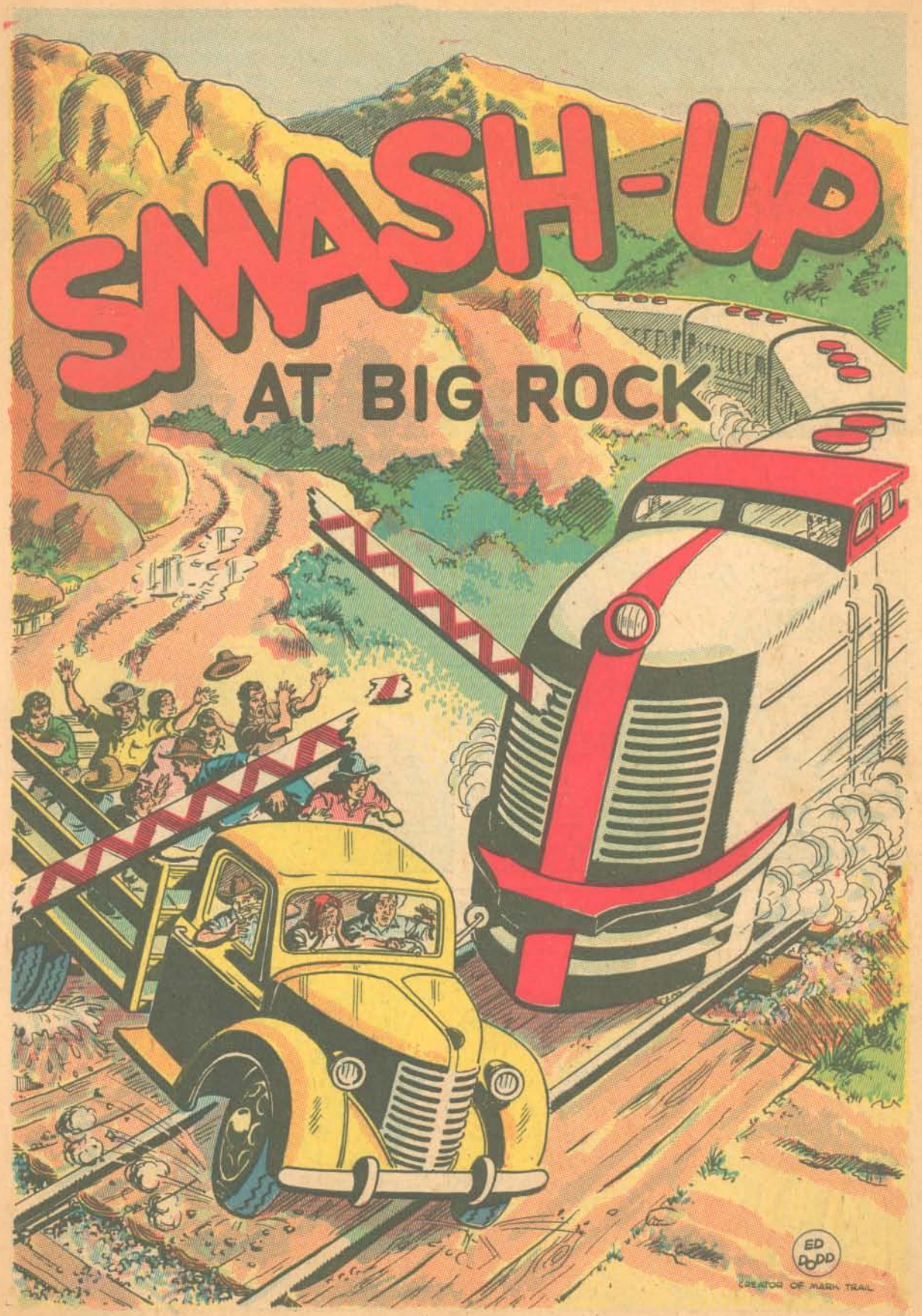
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AT BIG ROCK
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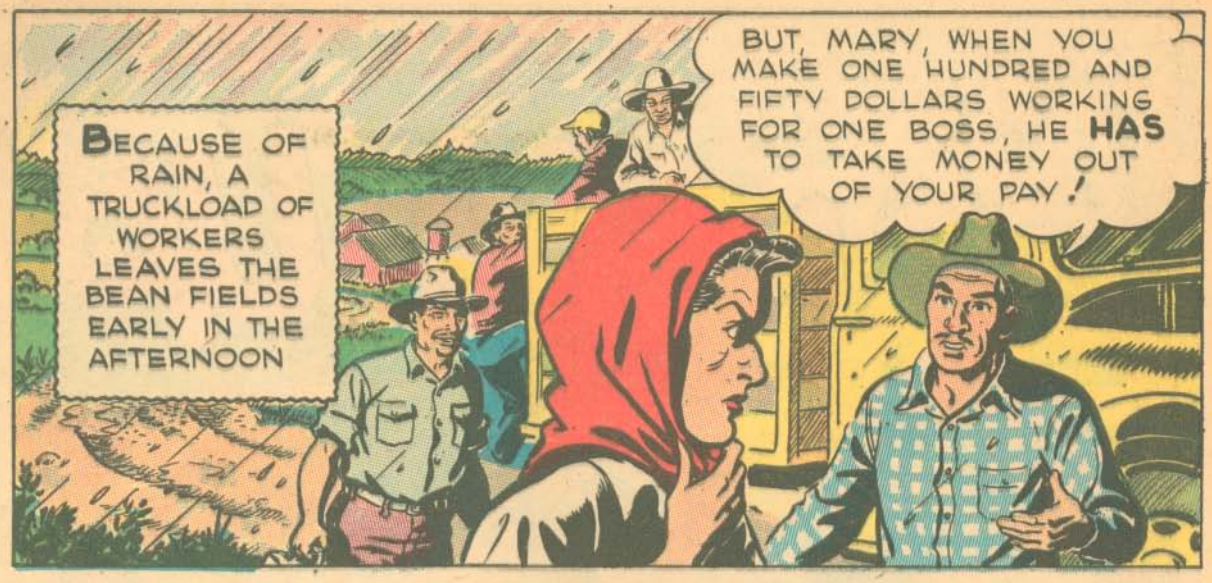
CREATOR OF MARK TRAIL


BECAUSE OF RAIN, A TRUCKLOAD OF WORKERS LEAVES THE BEAN FIELDS EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON
BUT, MARY, WHEN YOU MAKE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WORKING FOR ONE BOSS, HE HAS TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF YOUR PAY!

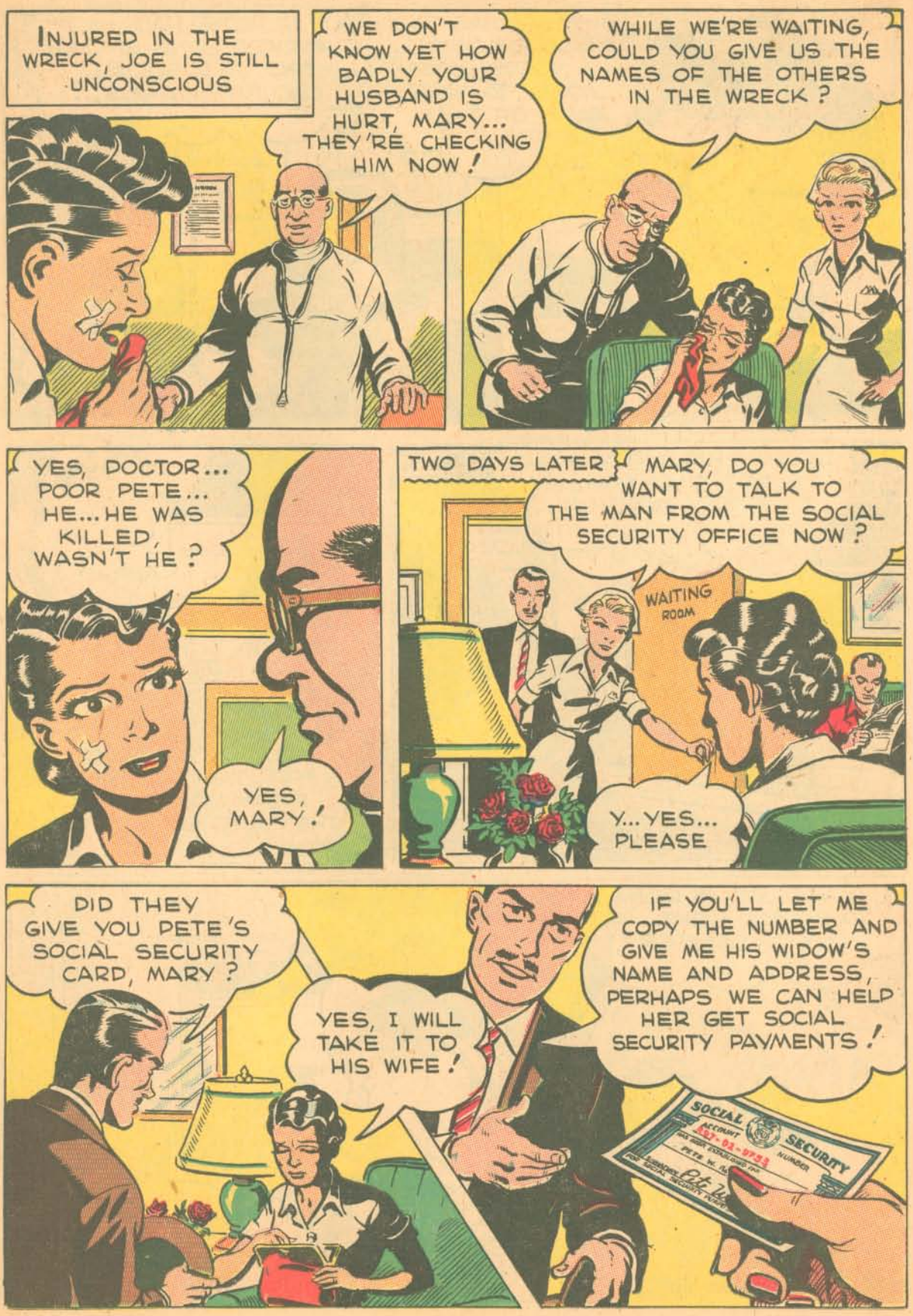
FOR THIS SOCIAL SECURITY?.. BAH! WE NEED THAT MONEY, NOW, JOE!

HOW DO YOU KNOW WE'LL GET IT BACK WHEN WE'RE TOO OLD TO WORK?

MARY, PLEASE... IT'S ALL RIGHT... A FEW CENTS TAKEN OUT OF A DOLLAR ISN'T MUCH!
WELL, TOMORROW I'M GOING TO TELL THE BOSS TO QUIT TAKING THE MONEY OUT OF MY PAY!

JOE IS TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE MONEY WHEN YOU GET OLD, MARY!
LOOK!.. HERE COMES THE FIVE O'CLOCK...SHE'S REALLY ROLLING!
PETE, YOU BETTER SLOW DOWN!.. WE'RE ALMOST AT THE CROSSING!
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY... THIS NEW TRUCK HAS GOOD BRAKES!
BUT THIS MUD'S SLICK ...AND THE GATE'S ALREADY DOWN!
HEY, THIS ROAD'S SO SLIPPERY I CAN'T STOP!!

OH, JOE, PLEASE! YOU CAN'T DIE... YOU'VE GOT TO GET WELL!


INJURED IN THE WRECK, JOE IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS
WE DON'T KNOW YET HOW BADLY YOUR HUSBAND IS HURT, MARY... THEY'RE CHECKING HIM NOW!
WHILE WE'RE WAITING, COULD YOU GIVE US THE NAMES OF THE OTHERS IN THE WRECK?
YES, DOCTOR... POOR PETE... HE... HE WAS KILLED, WASN'T HE?
YES, MARY!
TWO DAYS LATER
MARY, DO YOU WANT TO TALK TO THE MAN FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE NOW?
WAITING ROOM
Y... YES... PLEASE
DID THEY GIVE YOU PETE'S SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, MARY?
YES, I WILL TAKE IT TO HIS WIFE!
IF YOU'LL LET ME COPY THE NUMBER AND GIVE ME HIS WIDOW'S NAME AND ADDRESS, PERHAPS WE CAN HELP HER GET SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS!
SOCIAL SECURITY
ACCOUNT NUMBER

BUT SHE HAS TWO SMALL CHILDREN... SHE NEEDS ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF THEM, TOO!

IF PETE HAS WORKED LONG ENOUGH AND PAID SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES...

...THEN HIS WIDOW WILL GET A CHECK EVERY MONTH!

SHE WILL ALSO GET EXTRA MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN EVERY MONTH UNTIL THEY ARE 18 YEARS OLD!

MARY, JOE IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT... HE'S **OUT OF DANGER!**
THANK HEAVENS!
YOU CAN GO IN AND SEE HIM NOW ...HE'S ASKING FOR YOU!

JOE GETS WELL, AND HE AND MARY VISIT PETE'S WIDOW
PETE WAS MY BEST FRIEND, DOLORES, AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU, JUST LET ME KNOW!

THANK YOU, JOE!
ARE YOU GETTING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK EVERY MONTH NOW, DOLORES?
YES, MARY, AND I'M SURE THANKFUL PETE'S BOSS HAD TO TAKE OUT A FEW CENTS EVERY WEEK FOR SOCIAL SECURITY TAX!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ME AND THE KIDS WOULD DO WITHOUT THAT MONEY COMING IN!
WE KNOW WHAT SOCIAL SECURITY MEANS TOO, DOLORES!

YOUR FARM WORK SOCIAL

IF ONE BOSS PAYS YOU $150 YOU WORK FOR ONE BOSS ON

SOCIAL SECURITY
OLD-AGE
BENEFITS
FOR TOM GRIFFIN, AGE 70, AND HIS WIFE ARE $109.50 A MONTH...TOM WORKED ON FARMS AND IN ORCHARDS ALL OVER THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY...HIS AVERAGE EARNINGS WERE ABOUT $1800 A YEAR... NOW HE AND HIS WIFE LIVE NEAR GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

HERE IS WHAT YOU PAY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

YOUR PART OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX ON YOUR EARNINGS IS 2½%

IF YOU EARN...	$ 20.00
THE BOSS SHOULD TAKE OUT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY...	.50
AND PAY YOU...	$ 19.50

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFITS AT ANY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

COUNTS TOWARD SECURITY

OR MORE IN A YEAR...OR IF 20 OR MORE DAYS IN A YEAR

SOCIAL SECURITY
FAMILY
BENEFITS FOR MRS. LUCY ROMO AND HER EIGHT CHILDREN ARE $145.20 A MONTH... THESE PAYMENTS ARE MADE BECAUSE SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES WERE PAID ON THE WORK THAT CHRISTINO ROMO DID, BEFORE HIS DEATH, IN HARVESTS FROM TEXAS TO IDAHO

HERE IS WHAT SOCIAL SECURITY PAYS YOU

AFTER YOU HAVE WORKED LONG ENOUGH UNDER THE LAW

	MONTHLY OLD-AGE PAYMENTS		MONTHLY FAMILY PAYMENTS		
AVERAGE YEARLY EARNINGS	WORKER	WORKER AND WIFE AT 65	WIDOW, CHILD, OR PARENT	WIDOW AND 1 CHILD	WIDOW AND 2 CHILDREN
$ 600	$ 33.00	$ 49.50	$ 33.00	$ 49.60	$ 53.10
900	45.00	67.50	33.80	67.60	67.60
1,200	59.00	88.50	44.30	88.60	88.60
1,800	73.00	109.50	54.80	109.60	119.30
3,000	95.00	142.50	71.30	142.60	190.10
4,200	116.00	174.00	87.00	174.00	232.00
4,800	127.00	190.50	95.30	190.60	254.10

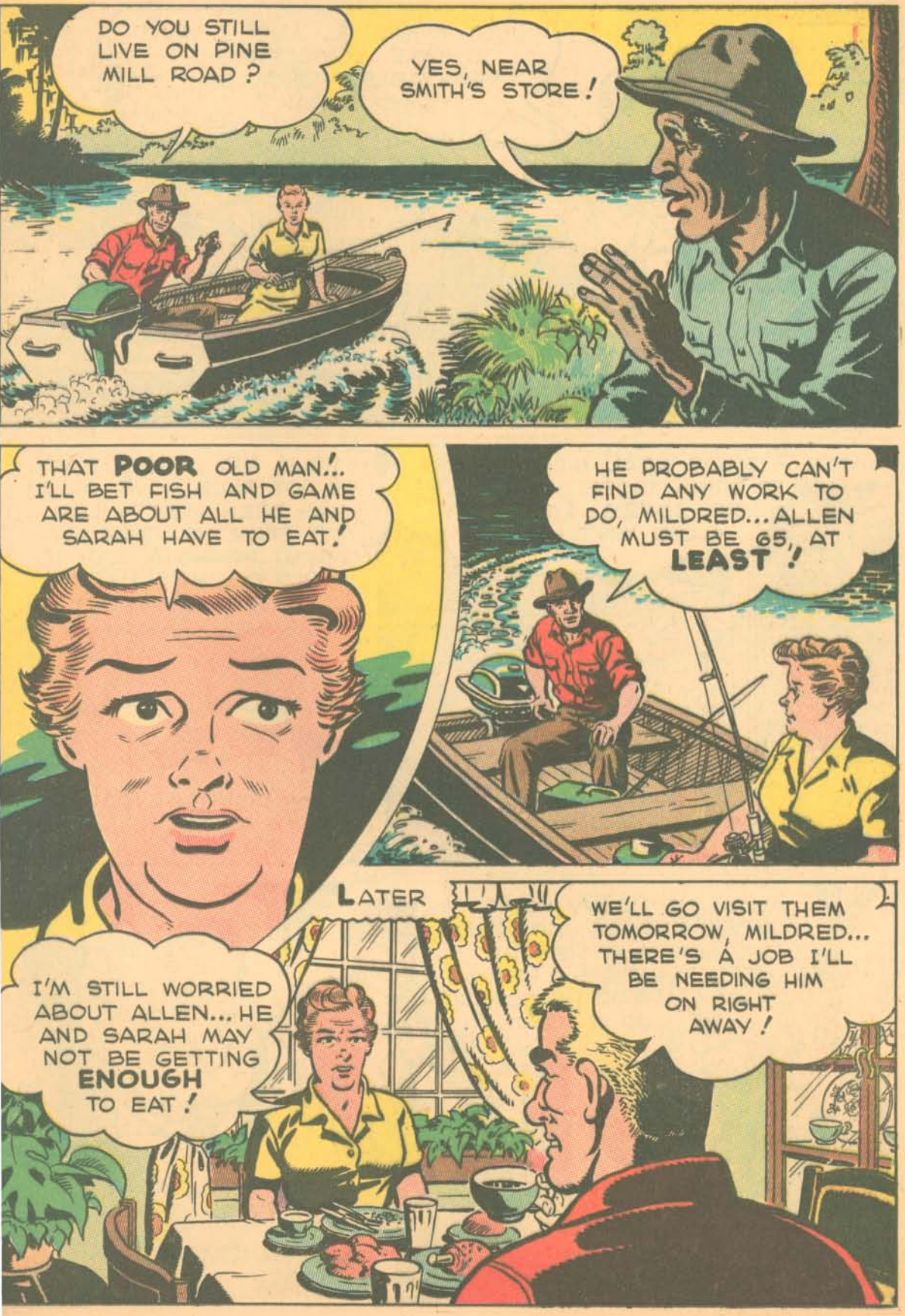
FARM OWNER JOHN JONES AND HIS WIFE ARE FISHING NEAR THEIR HOME...
ISN'T THAT ALLEN, THE OLD FELLOW WHO USED TO WORK ON OUR FARM?
I BELIEVE IT IS, MILDRED...HE LEFT FIVE YEARS AGO TO TRAVEL WITH A HARVESTING CREW!

HELLO, ALLEN... HAVING ANY LUCK?

HELLO, MR. JONES...YES, ME AND SARAH WILL HAVE FISH FOR SUPPER TONIGHT!

ARE YOU WORKING ANYWHERE NOW, ALLEN?
NOT LATELY, MR. JONES... HAD THE MISERY IN MY BACK... BUT I'M BETTER NOW!

I'VE BEEN NEEDING SOMEONE FOR A SPECIAL JOB... COULD YOU DO SOME LIGHT WORK?
I THINK SO... AND I'D LIKE TO TRY!


DO YOU STILL LIVE ON PINE MILL ROAD ?
YES, NEAR SMITH'S STORE !
THAT POOR OLD MAN!.. I'LL BET FISH AND GAME ARE ABOUT ALL HE AND SARAH HAVE TO EAT!
HE PROBABLY CAN'T FIND ANY WORK TO DO, MILDRED... ALLEN MUST BE 65, AT LEAST !
LATER
I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT ALLEN... HE AND SARAH MAY NOT BE GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT !
WE'LL GO VISIT THEM TOMORROW, MILDRED... THERE'S A JOB I'LL BE NEEDING HIM ON RIGHT AWAY !

NEXT DAY
JUST A MINUTE, JOHN, I WANT TO TAKE SOME FRESH VEGETABLES TO ALLEN AND SARAH!

LATER
IT WAS REAL NICE OF YOU TO BRING THOSE VEGETABLES, MRS. JONES... I'M SORRY ALLEN ISN'T HERE!
HOW IS ALLEN FEELING, SARAH?

WELL, MR. JONES, SINCE WE GOT BACK HOME ALLEN HAS BEEN PRETTY LOW... BUT SINCE YOU TOLD HIM ABOUT HAVING A JOB HE COULD DO, HE'S BEEN IN BETTER SPIRITS!
WHY DIDN'T HE COME TO ME ABOUT A JOB, SARAH?

ALLEN DID HEAVY WORK FOR YOU BEFORE, MR. JONES, AND NOW THAT HE'S 65 YEARS OLD HE WAS AFRAID HE COULDN'T DO IT AGAIN!
MAYBE NOT, SARAH... BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS ALLEN CAN DO!

LATER
HERE THEY COME NOW, JOHN!
ALLEN, I HAVE A JOB THAT YOU CAN START ON RIGHT AWAY... CHECKING AND TAGGING TOMATO CRATES AS THEY COME FROM THE FIELD
THANK YOU, MR. JONES!
YOU WON'T HAVE TO LIFT ANYTHING, BUT THIS JOB DOESN'T PAY AS MUCH AS YOUR OLD JOB DID!
THAT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, MR. JONES... SARAH AND ME ALREADY GET $67.50 A MONTH FROM SOCIAL SECURITY!
I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT... BEEN SENDING IN THE TAXES A LONG TIME NOW, BUT HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT PAYING OFF!

SURE!.. MY BOSSES AND I PAID SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON MY WORK... THEN WHEN I TURNED 65 I WENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE AND SIGNED UP!
IF YOU TAKE THIS PART TIME WORK, WON'T IT STOP YOUR CHECKS?
NO, MR. JONES... I CAN EARN AS MUCH AS $1200 IN A YEAR AND STILL GET ALL MY SOCIAL SECURITY!
EVEN IF HE EARNED A GOOD DEAL MORE THAN $1200, IT WOULD ONLY STOP SOME OF HIS CHECKS!

WELL, ALLEN, THE PAY YOU GET FROM THIS PART TIME JOB WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY!
AND IT HELPS A LOT TO KNOW I HAVE SOMEONE TO DEPEND ON!
MR. JONES, A MAN STILL NEEDS A JOB TO KEEP HIM BUSY... MAKES HIM FEEL USEFUL!
BUT IT'S A GOOD THING A LITTLE WORK **DOESN'T** CUT OFF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY!
IT MAKES A LOT OF DIFFERENCE TO HAVE A CHECK COMING IN EVERY MONTH, DOESN'T IT, SARAH?
IT SURE DOES, MRS. JONES... OLD AGE IS A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU HAVE MONEY OF YOUR **OWN** AND A PLACE TO LIVE!

THIS CARD MEANS MONEY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU ARE OLD

AND MONEY FOR YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU DIE... AND MONEY FOR YOUR FUNERAL

BE SURE TO SHOW YOUR CARD TO YOUR BOSS

BE SURE THE SOCIAL SECURITY RECORD OF YOUR EARNINGS IS RIGHT... YOU CAN FIND OUT HOW TO CHECK ON THE RECORD AT ANY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

ANY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY AND HELP YOU GET PAYMENTS WHEN THEY ARE DUE

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